

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Gerd Löhn )  
Serial No.: 10/089,711 )  
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For: ELEMENTS TO BE LINKED )  
BY MEANS OF A SCREW )  
CONNECTION, ESPECIALLY )  
ELEMENTS OF A MEDICAL )  
INSTRUMENT )  
Group Art Unit: 2756 )  
Examiner: John R. Cottingham )

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Sir:

Enclosed is an English language translation of the international preliminary  
examination report for PCT/EP00/09565.

Respectfully submitted,

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